

## Message Text

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SUBJECT: MAY CPI INCREASES BY 0.8 PERCENT

1. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX IN MAY ROSE 0.8 PERCENT TO 159.2  
FROM 157.9 IN APRIL, ACCORDING TO FIGURES RELEASED  
JUNE 10 BY STATISTICS CANADA. ONE-HALF OF TOTAL CPI  
INCREASE ATTRIBUTED TO 1.4 PERCENT RISE IN FOOD INDEX.  
MAY WAS FIFTH SUCCESSIVE MONTH IN WHICH FOOD INDEX HAS  
ADVANCED SHARPLY.

2. RISE IN FOOD INDEX, FROM 174.7 IN APRIL TO 177.2 IN  
MAY, LARGELY DUE TO HIGHER PRICES FOR BEEF PRODUCTS,  
UP 4.6 PERCENT, AND FOR FRESH PRODUCE, COFFEE, SUGAR AND  
BUTTER.

3. ALL-ITEMS EXCLUDING FOOD INDEX ROSE 0.5 PERCENT,  
FROM 152.0 TO 152.8, WITH HOUSING INDEX UP 0.6 PERCENT,  
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CLOTHING UP 0.4 PERCENT, TRANSPORTATION UP 0.2 PERCENT,  
HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE UP 1.4 PERCENT, RECREATION UP  
0.6 PERCENT, AND TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL UP 0.9 PERCENT.

4. ON SEASONALLY ADJUSTED BASIS, CPI ADVANCED 0.6 PERCENT  
IN MAY, WITH A 1.1 PERCENT RISE IN FOOD INDEX AND A 0.5  
PERCENT INCREASE IN INDEX FOR ALL-ITEMS EXCLUDING FOOD.

5. IN MAY, CURRENT ANNUAL RATE OF CHANGE IN CPI, BASED  
ON SEASONALLY ADJUSTED MOVEMENT IN LATEST THREE-MONTH  
PERIOD, WAS 10.4 PERCENT.

6. COMMENT: LOWER FOOD PRICES IN 1976 HELPED GOC BETTER  
ITS ANTI-INFLATION TARGET OF 8 PERCENT INCREASE IN CPI  
FOR THE YEAR (AVERAGE YEARLY INCREASE WAS 7.5 PERCENT),

BUT CONTINUED INCREASES IN FOOD PRICES IN 1977 WILL  
MAKE IT DIFFICULT, IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE, FOR GOC ATTAIN  
6 PERCENT TARGET FOR 1977. ENDERS

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